की स्थिति के अनुसार भारत सरकार के पास गेहूं का स्टाक कितना था;

(क) क्या इस वर्ष सरकार द्वारा गेहूं की खरीद आशा से कम हो रही है; और

(ख) सरकार द्वारा गेहूं का पर्याप्त स्टाक रखने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

(ग) कृषि मंत्री और खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र) : (क) पहली अप्रैल, 1994, 1995, 1996 और 1997 की स्थिति के अनुसार पूल में गेहूं की स्टाक स्थिति का ब्यौरा निम्नानुसार है :-

(लाख टन में)

निम्न तारीख को स्थिति केअनुसार	गेहूं (अननितम), इनमें संशोधन हो सकता है
पहली अप्रैल, 1994	69.98
पहली अप्रैल, 1995	87.20
पहली अप्रैल, 1996	77.62
पहली अप्रैल, 1997	32.40

(ख) वर्तमान रबी विपणन मौसम (1997-98) के दौरान 6.5.97 को स्थिति के अनुसार कुल 31.67 लाख टन गेहूं की वसूली की गई है जबकि पिछले मौसम की तदनुरूपी अवधि के दौरान 58.51 लाख टन गेहूं की वसूली की गई थी । असामयिक वर्षा और शीतकालीन मौसम अधिक समय तक रहने के कारण, इस वर्ष गेहूं की कटाई विलम्ब से हुई थी।

(ग) केन्द्रीय पूल में गेहूं का पर्याप्त स्टाक बनाए रखने के लिए सरकार द्वारा किए गए उपायों में निम्नलिखित उपाय शामिल हैं:-

(1) 1996-97 और 1997-98 में 4.00 मिलियन टन तक गेहूं का आयात करने का निर्णय लेना;

(2) पिछले मौसम में गेहूं के अदा किए गए वसूली मूल्य की तुलना में 1997-98 के दौरान गेहूं की वसूली मूल्य में 95/- रूपये प्रति क्विंटल (बोनस सहित) की वृद्धि करना; और

(3) 1997-98 के दौरान गेहूं और गेहूं के उत्पादों के किस निर्यात की अनुमति न देने और गेहूं को चुनिंदा ऋण नियंत्रण के अधीन रखने के अलावा गेहूं पर लाइसेंसिंग और स्टक रखने की सीमाएं बनाए रखने का निर्णय करना।

New National Sugar Development Policy

3718. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a New National Sugar Development Policy;

(b) if so, the details there of;

(c) if not, the present status of the policy;

(d) the details of new porposals pending, State-wise, for new units with capacity with proposals cleared recently and awaiting clearance during 1997-98 from Maharshtra;

(c) the number of total units/capacity of sugar units approved and actual production of sugar in the main sugar producing states and in Maharashtra, in particular, for the last three years, year-wise; and

(f) the number of chronically sick sugar units State-wise; with capacity and investment made and details of action-plan worked out of revival of sick units?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) Pursuant to the decision of the Allahabad High Court, the Government have set up a High Powered Committee on 14.3.1997 that will, *inter-alia,* examine the issues related to the development of the Sugar Industry. A copy of the Resolution is enclosed as Statement-I *(See* below).

(d) As on 31.3.1997, 216 applications were pending for consideration for grant of Letters of Intent for establishment of new sugar factories in the country. The statcwise number of applications pending is given in the enclosed Statement-II. *(See* below)

A Statement-Ill showing the state-wise Letters of Intent/licences issued for establishment of new sugar factories in the country after December, 1995 is enclosed. (*See* below)

It is not possible at present to indicate the number of Letters of Intent to be granted during the year 1997-98. in the State of Maharashtra at this stage.

(e) A statement showing, the state-wise Letters of Intent issued for setting up of new sugar factories in the country during the last three years with daily cane crushing capacity is at Annexure. *(See* Appendix 180, Annexure No. 79] A Statcment-IV showing the State/zone-wise production of sugar in the last three seasons is enclosed. *(See* below)

(f) This Ministry does not maintain the financial data of the sugar factories. As per the available information, Statement-V showing statewise number of sugar factories which did not work continuously for the last three sugar seasons (October-September) is enclosed. *(See* below)

Sickness could be due to a variety of factors, such as inadequate cane availability, size, age and condition of plant and machinery, technical and managerial competence, excessively high cane price not commensurate with sales realisation, etc. Sugar mills have themselves to prepare schemes for rehabilitation/modernisation and get them approved by the financial institutions. Financial assistance is also available from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) at concessional rates of interest for such rehabilitation-' modernisation schemes, subject to fulfilment of the conditions laid down.

Statcment-I

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD
(DEPARTMENT OF FOOD)

New Delhi
14th March, 1997

Resolution

No. 5-2/96-SD. III. In pursuance of a judgment delivered by Allahabad High Court in which the court directed the Central Government to set up a high-powered committee to study the development and growth of sugar industry in India vis-a-vis other sugar-producing countries and suggest modificaitons, amendments or repeal of any existing law and controls in order to increase production and efficiency through modernisation, the Government have decided to set up a high-powered committee consisting of the following persons:

1. Shri B.B. Mahajan, Retired Food Secretary	Chairman
2. Chairman, National Federation of Coop Sugar Factories.	Member
3. Chairman, Indian Sugar Mills Association	Member
4. Representative of Confederatio Of Indian Industry	Member
5. Shri Chandra Pal Singh, Chairman, UP Cane Union Federation.	Member
6. Prof. Ishwari Prasad, Retd. From JNU, 42, Vidya Vihar, Pitam Pura, New Delhi-110032.	Member
7. Shri R.L. Srivastava, Executive Director, IFCI	Member

8.	Secretary (Incharge of Sugar), UP	Member
9.	Secretary (Incharge of Sugar), Maharshtra.	Member
10.	Secretary (Incharge of Sugar), Karnataka	Member
11.	To be nominated by the Ministry	
12.	of Agriculture, representing	
13.	Agriculture, Agricultural Research & Edn. & Cane Farmers	Members
14.	Joint Secretary (Sugar). Department of Food	Member
15.	Representative from Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.	Member Member
16.	Representative from Bureau of Industrial Costs & Price*	Member Secretary
J7.	Shri J.J. Bhagat, Mission Director, Sugar Technology Mission	

2. The terms of reference of the Com mittee are as follows:—

(i) To study the development and growth of sugar industry in India v|s-a-v|s other sugar-producing countries.

(ii) To study the laws and rules and regulations relating to sugar, sugarcane and sugar industry in India and other sugar-producing countries.

(iii) To suggest modifications, amend-ments or repeal of any existing law and controls with a view to ensure healthy growth and development of the sugar industry, and building healthy relationship between the farmers and the industry.

(iv) To suggest ways and means to increase production and efficiency through modernisation so that sugar is available to the general public at reasonable prices.

(v) To suggest methods for increasing productivity of sugarcane and ways to ensure fair and remunerative prices to sugarcane growers.

3. The Headquarters of the Committee shall be in New Delhi.

4. The Committee will be required to submit its report to the Ministry of Food within six months of the date of the Resolution.

ORDER

ORDERED that a copy of the Resolu-tion be communicated to all concerned and that it be published in the Gazette of India.

(ARUN SINHA)

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERN-MENT OF INDIA

Statcmcnt-II

Pending application for consideration

As on 31.3.97, 216 applications were pending consideration, the State-wise number of^applications pending is given below:—

S.No	State	Upto 31.3.1997 (No. of z pplication pending)
1.	Uttar Pradesh	94
2.	Maharashtra	12
3.	Karnataka	26
4.	Andhra Pradesh	11
5.	Tamil Nadu	41
6.	Pondicherry	1
7.	Bihar	1
8.	Punjab	2
9.	Nagaland	1
10.	Madhya Pradesh	27
	Total	216

Statement-III

State-wise letters of intent/licences issued for setting up of new sugar factories by the Ministry of Industry after December 1995 (Position as on 31.3.1997)

S.No	*State*	*(No. of LOI's issued*
1.	Uttar Pradesh	21
2.	Karnataka	25
3.	Tamil Nadu	4
4.	Madhya Pradesh	1
5.	Maharashtra	20
6.	Andhra Pradesh	4
7.	Bihar	6
8.	Orissa	10
9.	West Bengal	1
	Total:	92

Statemcnt-IV

Statement snowing zone-wise production of sugar

(Figures in '000 Tonnes)

STATE	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 (P)
West UP	983	1142	1566
Central UP	1055	1455	1845
East UP	677	1012	949
Total UP	2715	3609	4360
North Bihar	221	394	379
South Bihar	—	—	—
Total Bihar	221	394	379
Assam	4	7	7
Punjab	311	319	632
Haryana	308	343	454
West Bengal	5	7	8
Orissa	24	44	82
Madhya Pradesh	37	70	129
Rajasthan	16	18	31
Central Maharashtra	1031	1960	2124
North Maharashtra	530	1191	1121
South Maharashtra	1185	1874	2131
Total Maharashtra	2746	5025	5376
South Gujarat	782	721	1026
Saurashtra	44	38	100
Total Gujarat	826	759	1126
Andhra Pradesh	647	874	866
Karnataka	831	1225	1267
Tamil Nadu	1085	1859	1622
Kerala	2	11	13
Pondicherry	37	62	57
Nagaland	1	1	1
Goa	8	16	19
All India	9824	14643	16429

N — Negligible
P — Provisional

Statement-V

The number of Sugar Mills which have not gone into production since 1994-95 to 1996-97 season.

Slate No.	No. of Factories
1. Punjab	1
2. U.P.	1
3. Gujarat	2
4. Maharashtra	2
5. Bihar	11
6. Orissa	1
7. Andhra Pradesh	4
8. Karnataka	1
9. Tamil Nadu	1
10. Kerala	2
All India	26

Measures to restructure the functioning of FCI

3719. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated measures to restructure the functioning of Food Corporation of India decentralising its operations and marketing strategies cutting substantially the operational costs;

(b) if so, the details of the changed role being assigned to FCI to make targeted PDS a success and ensure food safety and price stability for foodgrains; and

(c) whether Government are considering extension of import of wheat under OGL beyond 31st March, 1997 upward revision of wheat procurement prices, impose ban on inter-State movement of foodgrains and take appropriate measures for effective control on hoarding?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Wheat import'for Poor

3720. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether more wheat import is need to make available foodgrains to the poor at reasonable rates as domestic farmers did not sell Rabi yield; and

(b) whether adequate godowns ar rangement nas been made to stock the imported wheat?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Government have already decided to import upto 4.00 million tonnes of wheat during 1996-97 and 1997-98 to augment its availability in the country, and a quantity of 26.75 lakh tonnes has already been contracted for import. Government keep on reviewing the stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool with reference to the production of foodgrains in the Central Pool with reference to the production of foodgrains, procurement trend, requirement for the Public Distribution System/ Other Welfare Schemes, open market prices to ensure adequate availability of foodgrains in the country, (b) Yes, Sir.

Dwindling of wheat stock despite imports

3721. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat Stock has consider ably dwindled despite imports, threaten ing an unprecedented wheat shortage;

(b) if so, the extent to which wheat stock has been reduced on 1st April, 1997